

Public invited to community conversations on early learning

The Delaware Department of Education's Office of Early Learning invites early learning providers and program representatives, families, and other community members to join community conversations about early learning across the state.

The sessions, planned for evenings this spring in all three counties, will cover topics such as childcare licensing, Purchase of Care and Delaware Stars, the state's quality rating system for early childcare.

"We want to hear from people who are doing this important work day in and day out to educate and support children and families," said Kimberly Krzanowski, executive director of the Office of Early Learning. "These conversations are an opportunity for us to learn about how current efforts are supporting programs and opportunities to engage in how we could do things differently."

Each session will include:

- Belvie Herbert, social services administrator, Purchase of Care, Department of Health and Social Services
- Dr. Kimberly Krzanowski, executive director, Office of Early Learning, Delaware Department of Education
- Kristy Sheffler, director, Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, Delaware Stars
- Betty Gail Timm, administrator, Office of Child Care Licensing

The meetings will be held in four locations throughout the state:

Wilmington

6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 17
Carvel State Office Building
820 North French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Camden

6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 8
Delaware State Police Troop 3
3759 South State Street
Camden, DE 19934

Georgetown

6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 9
Georgetown Public Library
123 West Pine Street
Georgetown, DE 19947

Bear

6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 22
Delaware State Police Troop 2
100 Lagrange Avenue
Newark, DE 19702

Registration is not required.

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